

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-34 (Canceled).

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a covering arrangement suitable for covering a water tank which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building, said covering arrangement ~~being made in the shape~~ having a predetermined three dimensional shape in the form of an architectural component of the building, the architectural component being architecturally and aesthetically harmonized with the external portion of the building and/or the architectural style of the building, and

an adjustable angular positioning device being configurable so as to keep said tank in a substantially vertical position.

36. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said water tank ~~is a component of a solar panel system~~ includes a convex end portion and the angular positioning device includes one or more concave abutting elements arranged to receive the convex end portion of the water tank.

37. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said angular positioning device comprises a seat arranged for housing said tank therein, and an anchoring element for anchoring to said external portion.

38. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said seat and said anchoring element are disposed in opposite portions of a positioning shell element.

39. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said seat is disposed in a first positioning shell element.

40. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said anchoring element is obtained in a second positioning shell element hinged on said first positioning shell element.

41. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said seat is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis of said tank can be arranged vertically by rotating said first positioning shell element in relation to said second positioning shell element.

42. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a covering arrangement suitable for covering a component of an air-conditioning system which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building, said covering arrangement ~~being made in the shape~~ having a predetermined three dimensional shape in the form of an architectural component of the building, the architectural component being architecturally and aesthetically harmonized with the external portion of the building and/or the architectural style of the building; and

an adjustable angular positioning device being configurable so as to keep said component of an air-conditioning system in a substantially vertical position.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said angular positioning device comprises a seat arranged for housing said component therein, and an anchoring element for anchoring to said external portion of said building.

45. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said seat and said anchoring element are disposed in opposite portions of a positioning shell element.

46. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said seat is obtained in a first positioning shell element.

47. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said anchoring element is obtained in a second positioning shell element hinged on said first positioning shell element.

48. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claims 47, wherein said seat is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis of said component of an air-conditioning system can be

arranged vertically by rotating said first positioning shell element in relation to said second positioning shell element.

49. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said external portion comprises a roof.

50. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said architectural component has a shape selected from a group comprising: a chimney cap, a skylight, an attic skylight, a veranda, a balcony, a column, and an arch.

51. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said covering arrangement comprises a wall arrangement.

52. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement furthermore comprises a window.

53. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement furthermore comprises a grille.

54. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement is made of building bricks.

55. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement is made of panel elements.

56. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 55, wherein said panel elements are made of a material that resists atmospheric agents.

57. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said material that resists atmospheric agents is selected from a group comprising: glass fibre, A.B.S., polycarbonate, polystyrene, sheet metal.

58. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

- forming an image of a selected part of a building;
- disposing the image on a layer element; and
- applying said layer element onto a supporting surface element surrounding a functional non-architectural element, the functional non-architectural element being disposed on the building.

59. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said supporting surface element is part of a covering arrangement enclosing said functional non-architectural element.

60. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said supporting surface element is comprised in an external surface of said functional non-architectural element.

61. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said image is obtained by using a photographic device.

62. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said image is transferred onto a supporting film, so as to form a covering layer.

63. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said applying comprises winding said layer element around a covering arrangement housing said functional non-architectural element.

64. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 63, wherein said applying comprises mutually engaging opposite curved edges of said layer element.

65. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said covering arrangement takes part of an apparatus according to claim 50.

66. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said functional non-architectural element comprises a water tank.

67. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 66, wherein said water tank is comprised in a solar panel system.

68. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 58, wherein said functional non-architectural element comprises a component of an air-conditioning system.

69. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said covering arrangement comprises at least one structural side wall dimensioned to hide said water tank from view.

70. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 69, wherein said covering arrangement further comprises a top element, said top element in combination with said at least one side wall forming an interior space to enclose said water tank.

71. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said covering arrangement is harmonized with the building.

72. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said covering arrangement comprises at least one side wall.

73. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 72, wherein said at least one side wall comprises a plurality of side walls.

74. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 73, wherein said covering arrangement further comprises a top element, said top element in combination with said plurality of side walls and said angular positioning device forming an interior space to enclose said water tank.

75. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said covering arrangement is harmonized with the building.

76. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

covering means for covering a functional, non-architectural component mounted onto an external portion of a building in such a way that the component is substantially hidden from view;

means for architecturally and aesthetically harmonizing the covering means with the external portion of the building and/or the architectural style of the building; and

means for adjustably maintaining said functional, non-architectural component in a substantially vertical position.

77. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said adjustable angular positioning device includes a bottom face adapted to be positioned against a roof of the building in use, and a support surface for the tank, the support surface being adjustable relative to the bottom ~~surface~~face.

78. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said adjustable angular positioning device includes a bottom face adapted to be positioned against a roof of the building in use, and a support surface for the component of an air-conditioning system, the support surface being adjustable relative to the bottom ~~surface~~face.